THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Underground drainage in Secunderabad Cantonment

2112. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release special grants to Secunderabad Cantonment Board to introduce Underground Sewerage System and to streamline storm water through drainage system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has granted the financial and administrative sanction of expanding and remodelling of more than a century old culverts in Secunderabad Cantonment specially at Lakshminagar, Picket and other places as proposed by Defence authorities of Secunderabad Cantonment;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) by when the work is likely to commence; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (g) Secunderabad Cantonment Board is self-sufficient and is in a position to undertake development activities from its own resources. The Cantonment Board has approved its participation in the integrated scheme of underground drainage through 'Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board'. The Board's share in the Scheme is about Rs. 12 lakhs that can be met from its own resources.

The storm water drain is also being constructed/repaired by the Cantonment Board out of its annual budget in phased manner.

The Cantonment Board has widened the culverts of Bolton road and reconstructed the old culverts at Viman Nagar. The proposal for reconstruction of culverts at Lakshminagar and picket out of its own funds has been taken up by the Cantonment Board.